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<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b>	Application No. <b>10/034,412</b>
	First Named Inventor <b>Mathieu</b>
	Group Art Unit <b>2829</b>
	Examiner Name <b>Vihn P. Nguyen</b>
	Attorney Docket No. <b>20206-18</b>

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a.  Previously submitted
  - i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Enclosed
  - i.  Amendment/Reply
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv.  Notice of Related Applications and Patents

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)
- b.  Other:

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02 FC:1202

770.00 OP  
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Appl. No. 10/034,412  
RCE dated September 8, 2004  
Reply to Office Action of April 8, 2004

3. **Fees** (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)

- a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_.
  - i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
  - ii.  Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
  - iv.  Any additional fee due in connection with the filing of this (these) paper(s)
- b.  A check is enclosed that includes the RCE fee of \$770.00

Date: September 8, 2004

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



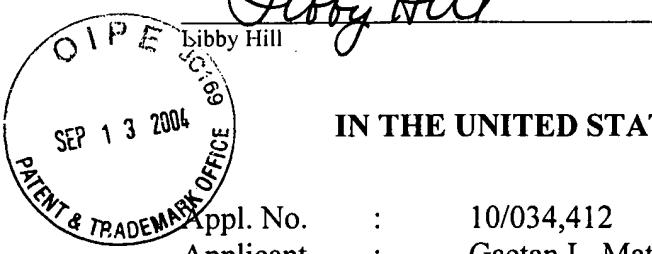
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 10/034,412 Confirmation No. 2559  
Applicant : Gaetan L. Mathieu  
Filed : December 27, 2001  
TC/A.U. : 2829  
Examiner : Vinh P. Nguyen  
  
Docket No. : 20206-18

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action of April 8, 2004, the period for response to which has been extended to September 8, 2004 by the accompanying Petition For Extension Of Time, and in conjunction with a Request For Continued Examination filed herewith, please consider the following:

**Amendments to the specification** are shown on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the list of claims that begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** are described on page 8 of this paper. Replacement sheets and annotated sheets showing changes to the drawings are attached at the end of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.